

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 100

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Robert L. "Pete"
Doughtie of Murfreesboro.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Robert L. "Pete" Doughtie; and

WHEREAS, Pete Doughtie was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born in Norfolk, Virginia, on April 8, 1941, to the late Edward Earl Doughtie and Mary Elizabeth Britt, he grew up in Suffolk, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, after serving in the United States Army for five years, Pete Doughtie began working in the newspaper industry in 1965; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Doughtie lived in California for thirty years, where he worked as an ad salesman and classified manager at the *Blade Tribune* in Oceanside, California; ad director of *Santa Maria Times*; and co-publisher and general manager at *Inyo Register*; and

WHEREAS, Pete Doughtie moved to Tennessee in 1998 and founded the *Rutherford County Reader* with his wife, Kaye Sadler Doughtie, in 2000. After proving its legitimacy, the paper expanded beyond Rutherford County, reaching more than two-million views a year; and

WHEREAS, a true role model to his family and community, Mr. Doughtie served in a number of community organizations; he was a Rotarian for more than three decades, Rotary President, and member of the Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Pete Doughtie was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Doughtie enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of fifty-seven years, Kaye Sadler Doughtie, and was the proud father of R. Keith Doughtie, Patrick Lee (Kimberly) Doughtie, Lee Michael (Michele) Doughtie, and Jay Alison Doughtie; and

WHEREAS, he will be lovingly remembered by his sister, Ann Grandy; his brother, Bill Doughtie; his grandchildren, Crystal Brown, David Doughtie, Mason Doughtie, Jackson Doughtie, Brendan Doughtie, Ryan Doughtie, Ethan Pittman, Emma Doughtie, Nathan Doughtie, and Ashlyn Doughtie; his three great-granddaughters; and his community and dear friends; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents and a grandson, Patrick Tyler Doughtie; and

WHEREAS, Pete Doughtie leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Robert L. "Pete" Doughtie, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Doughtie.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.